

CASE II/2-22748/MA 2226/PCT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF
ALASTAIR MCALPINE MARR ET AL
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP03/10394
FILED: SEPTEMBER 18, 2003
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BASED LITHOGRAPHIC PRINTING INKS
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Examiner:

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the present Preliminary Amendment to place the instant claims in better condition for examination on their merits.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.